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1. MUCH AS I APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATE REFTEL (A),
I WILL, OF COURSE, RETURN TO ISRAEL TO WELCOME SECRETARY
SIMON AND TO PARTICIPATE IN HIS VISIT.

2. CONTROL OFFICERS FOR VISIT ARE DCM VELIOTES (WHO WILL BE
CHARGE DURING MY ABSENCE) AND ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR
DOZIER.

3. I AM DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT MRS SIMON WILL ACCOMPANY
SECRETARY. MRS KEATING AND I INVITE SECRETARY AND MRS
SIMON TO BE OUR GUESTS AT RESIDENCE. WE HAVE ONE ADDITIONAL
GUEST ROOM AND WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE ONE OR MORE ADDITIONAL
PERSONS AND WILL APPRECIATE DETAILS ON THOSE ACCOMPANYING
SECRETARY ASAP.
IF SECRETARY FEELS HE SHOULD REMAIN WITH HIS STAFF, WE WILL
OF COURSE, UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY.

4. WE HAVE PROPOSED FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE TO EVRON:

TUESDAY EVENING JULY 16 - INFORMAL DINNER AT RESIDENC EAT
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TIME CONVENIENT TO SECRETARY AND MRS SIMON. SHOULD

THE SECRETARY SO DESIRE, WE COULD INVITE SELECTED MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY AND SOME SENIOR EMBASSY STAFF AND THEIR WIVES AND HAVE BRIEFING SESSIONS DURING AND AFTER DINNER.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 - DISCUSSIONS IN JERUSALEM. DETAILS WILL BE FORWARDED, BUT INCLUDED WOULD BE PRIME MINISTER RABIN, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON, FINANCE MINISTER RABINOWITZ; AND DEFENSE MINISTER PERES. WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE ISRAELIS HOST A LUNCHEON IN JERUSALEM. I WOULD HOST DINNER AT RESIDENCE FOR U.S. AND ISRAELI LEADERS.

THURSDAY, JULY 18 - MORNING FREE FOR POSSIBLE ADDITION MEETINGS OR SIGTSEEING.

5. IT IS POSSIBLE, DEPENDING ON MEETING SDCHEDULE PROPOSED BY ISRAELIS THAT SOME TIME ON AFTERNOON JULY 17 COULD BE DEVOTED TO VISITING SOME OF SIGHTS IN JERUSALEM OR ELSEWHERE.

6. I ASSUME MRS SIMON WOULD APPRECIATE SEPARATE SCHEDULE, PARTICULARLY FOR JULY 17. PLEASE CONFIRM AND PASS ANY REFERENCES MRS SIMON MAY HAVE.

7. I EXPECT ISRAELIS WILL CONTACT US RE THEIR SUGGESTIONS TOMORROW. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FINANCE MINISTER RABINWOTIZ WILL BE OFFICIAL ISRAELI HOST FOR VISIT.

8. WE WILL GIVE YOU OUR FINAL REACTIONS TO DRAFT STRATEGY PAPER TOMORROW.
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